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In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 1637 H. Michael WENZ Examiner: J. Fredman Application No.: 09/724,755 Filed: November 28, 2000 Confirmation No.: 8421 For: METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING **COUPLED LIGATION AND AMPLIFICATION** 

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## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Applicant now responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004 ("the Action"). The period for reply has been extended one month by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.